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## W. C. HALL FACES MURDER CASE URGY

State Prohibition Inspector Accused in Case of L. E. Hudson's Death.

### SINGLE DEFENDANT TRIED

From a Staff Correspondent. MANASSAS, Va., September 2.—In a packed little courtroom here this morning W. C. Hall, state prohibition inspector, was placed on trial, accused of the murder of Lawrence E. Hudson, who was killed with R. C. Shackelford, while in an alleged attempt to transport liquor to Winchester, Va. Three other deputies were indicted with Hall, but each has elected a separate trial. They are W. B. Dunlavy, Harry F. Sweet and J. A. Sullivan.

### Selection of Jury.

With Judge Samuel C. Brent presiding, the jury box was filled within an hour. Evidence of the feeling of some residents was exhibited when J. M. Russell of this town was questioned for qualification as juror. He was asked how he felt about the case. He replied: "I feel I don't want to have anything to do with it." Several residents here have expressed similar sentiments.

Before the men were accepted as jurors, the evidence was heard that they consider the case with the presumption that Hall was innocent until it was proved undeniably that he was not.

Prosecuting Attorney C. E. Williams opened the case against Hall. He declared that the only issue on which prosecution would be based was whether or not Hudson met his death "unlawfully" at the hands of W. C. Hall. He outlined the occurrence, giving a minute description of the location, the shooting near Fishers Hill. He described a creek called Tumbling run and the bridge across it where the prohibition agents blocked the road with their big red automobile. He declared that evidence will be produced to show that a man standing to the left of the alleged bootlegger's automobile fired two shots that an examination of "Oh, my," followed, and that after that three more shots were fired.

Before these five shots had been fired, however, he declared, there had been a scuffle between the two men, that residents of a nearby home had witnessed the firing of some of the shots. The car of the prohibition inspectors, he declared, would be shown in evidence to have approached Hudson's machine and that Hudson's machine had been reversed and turned down a byroad. Almost immediately after there was a fusillade of shots, a slight pause, another fusillade, followed by another pause. Then, he declared, there were five single shots. Firing of these five only, he said, was seen by others than the principals.

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### BITTER EXCHANGE OF CHARGES HEARD

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Mr. Hogan said that the committee call upon Mr. Williams to furnish a number of records of bank examinations, showing loans by Washington national banks and trust companies to their officers and directors at the time that Mr. Williams was attacking the Riggs Bank for such loans. He pressed his opinion everywhere that the committee would adjourn until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock to give Mr. Williams time to bring to the committee certain records which Mr. Hogan demanded. Mr. Hogan made a brief statement to the committee, saying:

### LABOR WARY OF "OLD CROWD"

Labor leaders said frankly today they fear the "old crowd," the "reactionaries," among the capitalists will look upon the President's proposals with suspicion, and will be extremely wary of what they say and do in the conference. That they will agree to hold a conference, is not doubted by labor spokesmen, because pressure of public opinion everywhere is now being applied for a solution of the economic and industrial puzzles entering the minds of the nation. While the Council of National Defense is being utilized as an agency through which the administration is dealing with the industrial puzzles, the R. C. Shackelford and his agency is likely to be called upon to aid in bringing the industrial relations of the nation back to normal. There is in this organization a large element of young business executives who are extremely liberal in their views with regard to industrial relations. This element must be distinguished from the purely capitalistic element—the investing group—in that it has no heavy money investments in the industry of the nation, but has a heavy investment of executive ability.

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### RENT MEASURE MAY BE COMPLETED THIS WEEK

Work on a bill to prevent profiteering in rent in the District of Columbia was begun by the Senate District subcommittee appointed for that purpose in executive session this afternoon. The subcommittee hopes to draft the bill before the end of this week for submission to the full committee, and later to the Senate.

Before the committee held its executive session it gave a hearing to Percy H. Russell, owner of the Newport apartment house. Mr. Russell had been summoned before the committee last week. He was out of town and hurried back to be heard, and the committee, although it had not held its hearing on Friday, decided to hear Mr. Russell today.

### Admiral Gleeves Head of Fleet.

NEW YORK, September 2.—Vice Admiral Albert Gleeves has assumed command of the Atlantic fleet, with the rank of full admiral, awarded him recently by Congress at President Wilson's request.

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Indication on Partial Returns That Workers Leave Issue in Hands of Their Officers.

Partial returns from the strike vote now in progress among the railroad shopmen indicate, union officials said today, that the men will accept the advice of their officers and leave the matter of a strike in their hands pending the result of governmental efforts to reduce the cost of living. This was the day originally set for a strike and it was feared that some of the more restless element might quit work. Secretary Scott of the American Federation of Labor said, however, no reports of strikers had been received. He added that if workers were suspended anywhere it would be at points where the union officials appeal to the men to continue on the job had not been fully understood.

## ALBANIANS MASSACRE ITALIAN SOLDIERS

BELOGRADE, September 2.—Numbers of Italian soldiers have been massacred in several attacks by Albanian clansmen, according to the Politika in this city. The remainder of the Italian troops retired toward Durazzo and other strong points.

## NOT GIVEN TO WORKERS.

Ordinance Chief Denies Report Regarding Rock Island Industry.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., September 2.—A telegram received by Col. Harry B. Jordan, commandant of the Rock Island arsenal, from Chief of Ordnance Charles C. Williams of Washington, refutes the report that the harness shop of the Rock Island arsenal had been turned over to the workers, and that this step for the democratization of industry would be followed out in other plants of the government over the country.

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